

**TOWN OF BETTERTON**  
**Mayor & Council Meeting**  
September 12, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.  
Berterton, MD 21610

Meeting was held via GotoMeeting link.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Donny Sutton, Councilman Bill Fracassi, Councilman Harry Marcy, Councilman Wayne Gilchrest, Councilman Bob Pyfer, Town Manager Tom Mogle, Town Clerk, Sheila Dlugoborski, and Town Attorney Tom Yeager.

**RESIDENTS:** (in person or virtually via GoTo link) Candi Sorge, Ginny Story, Dick Story, Mary Ann Wasko-Smith, Malcolm Kram and Clyde Warden.

**MINUTES:** *Councilman Marcy motioned to approve the Council meeting minutes on August 8, 2023. There was no Council workshop on August 22, 2023. Seconded by Councilman Fracassi; all in favor, motioned carried.*

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** *Councilman Fracassi motioned to approve the August financial report; seconded by Councilman Pyfer, all in favor, motioned carried.*

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Police report for August 11. There were 11 calls for service, 8 speed enforcements, 11 traffic warnings, 11 patrol checks, and 0 citations.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**BCC:** No Report.

**BCDC:** Candi Sorge commented that it was a fantastic Berterton Appreciation Day and the Berterton Heritage Museum had a booth at the beach and had numerous visitors that shared memories of Berterton. The "Ark" will be going to John Swain's boatyard for repairs. The museum will close the end of September. Will be open by appointment only through the winter.

The grant was denied for the design cover for the "Ark" and the new play equipment. Looking into other options.

**PLANNING:** rescheduled the September meeting to October. Maryland Planning Commissioners Association 2023 Annual Conference will be held October 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> at Kent Island Resort. A few members plan to attend.

**APPEALS BOARD:** Looking for board members. At this time, we only have one person on the board. Need to fill two seats.

**ROADS:** The corner of a blacktop driveway that is deteriorating on the corner of a property along Park Street and Bayside Aly has had a traffic cone placed in the hole and vehicles are maneuvering the corner without going onto the property.

**PARK:** The misters will be shut off in the near future. Signs are being made to name the pavilion at the park the Mayor Charles Clark. The signs will be place on the gable ends of the pavilion. Mayor Clark was instrumental in obtain the park from the county.

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**SAFETY:** No report.

**FIRE CO:** Dick Story announced the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show will be held on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Purse bingo, November 5<sup>th</sup> and the Lions Club night at the Races will be on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**WAER/SEWER:** Mayor Sutton read the water and wastewater report provided by Jeff Miller, Operator. The water plant treated 1,105,000 gal. of potable water in the month of August. There was a leak in the distribution main on Ericsson Ave. That repair was made by Bramble Construction, the sidewalk repair will be completed after the excavation has had time to settle. Lead & Copper test results are in with the exception of one sample that had to be re-tested, the results that we have, all passed and participating homeowners were notified of results.

The Wastewater plant treated and discharged 892,000 gal of effluent to the Sassafra River. We are still waiting for official proposals from contractors interested in Operating the Water and Wastewater plants. I will be meeting on Thursday's beginning this week with a Contractor that wanted to learn plant operations from me so he could give a accurate bid based on what our expectations are, therefore he would not have to "Pad his bid" based on unforeseen operations. This "training" will come at no cost to the town. I feel with this contractor we may have a more" customized agreement," which will enable us to oversee plant Operations. Any thoughts or questions, feel free to contact Jeff.

**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES:** No Report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Bayside Project** – Finalizing landscaping plan.

**Ericsson Avenue Project** – Council to vote tonight on the bid from RK&K bid for the final engineering. CDBG has given the approval for Council to vote on the single bid.

Councilman Gilchrest asked about the grant we submitted to acquire the property behind the fire house. That grant application was denied.

Mayor Sutton stated that we have not received any documents from the American Legion requesting annexing into the town.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Vote on the Ericsson Street Reconstruction Project** - Tom Mogle stated that he is working on obtaining grant money to cover the project. Mayor Sutton read into record the bid from RK&K. *Councilman Fracassi motioned to accept the bid from RK&K; Councilman Marcy seconded; all in favor; motion carried.*

**Amending the Town's Procurement Ordinance** – Tom Mogle explained to Council with the economy today, everything has gone up and that the amount should be increased. Council and Town Attorney, Yeager, discussed a tier system. There would need to be a charter amendment including any revisions can be revised by an ordinance in the future. Discussion on the tier system.

**Town Manager Report** – Tom Mogle gave Council information on a proposal from Hartwell Engineering in reference to the Town of Betterton Water Treatment Plant. After some discussion, *Councilman Marcy made a motion to accept the proposal from Hartwell Engineering; Councilman Fracassi seconded; all in favor; motion carried.*

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**OPEN FORUM:** Mary Ann Wasko-Smith asked about the crosswalk at the Sixth Avenue intersection. Mayor Sutton stated that the State Highway Administration as looking into it as well as adding a crosswalk at Third Avenue.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: -**

**Betterton Vol. Fire Co. –**

Friday, October 13th – Food Trucks – 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**Betterton American Legion –**

Thursday nights – Open Mic Night, Open at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 3 p.m. – Bar Bingo

Sundays at 6 p.m. – Queen of Hearts drawing.

Saturday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Basket Bingo - Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> – Annual Auction, Doors open at 5:00 p.m., starts at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – Veterans free lunch - 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. All veterans and families are welcome.

Saturday Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party - 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Register children prior to the 9<sup>th</sup>.

*Councilman Gilchrest motioned to close the September 9, 2023, meeting, seconded by Councilman Marcy; all in favor; motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved:

October 10, 2023